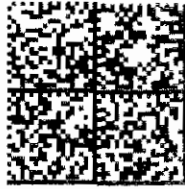
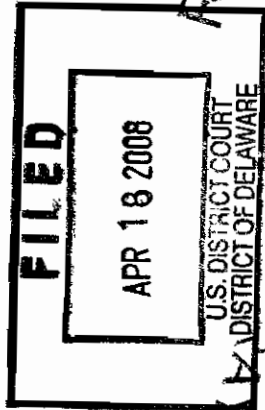


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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

EMANUEL H. JONES,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Civ. No. 06-674-SLR
	)	
OFFICER NORRIS and NEW CASTLE	)	
COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**ORDER**

At Wilmington this *24th* day of March, 2008, having considered plaintiff's motions for appointment of counsel;

IT IS ORDERED that said motions (D.I. 31, 39) are denied for the reasons that follow:

1. A pro se litigant proceeding in forma pauperis has no constitutional or statutory right to representation by counsel. See Ray v. Robinson, 640 F.2d 474, 477 (3d Cir. 1981); Parham v. Johnson, 126 F.3d 454, 456-57 (3d Cir. 1997). It is within the court's discretion to seek representation by counsel for plaintiff, and this effort is made only "upon a showing of special circumstances indicating the likelihood of substantial prejudice to [plaintiff] resulting . . . from [plaintiff's] probable inability without such assistance to present the facts and legal issues to the court in a complex but arguably meritorious case." Smith-Bey v. Petsock, 741 F.2d 22, 26 (3d Cir. 1984); accord Tabron v. Grace, 6 F.3d 147, 155 (3d Cir. 1993) (representation by counsel may be